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Taneycomo Bridge project ahead of schedule

The \$12 million Taneycomo Bridge restoration project continues ahead of schedule with the bridge likely to reopen to traffic by Thanksgiving, according to MoDOT officials.

Construction crews begin work at 5 a.m. due to the extreme heat that has gripped the Midwest sending afternoon temperatures above 100 degrees.

MoDOT officials say the bridge is about 50-percent complete and originally set the completion date for the end of this year. But the bridge will likely reopen to traffic in late fall.

The majority of the work now has shifted to the Hollister end of the bridge, which will enable the roadwork on the roundabout to begin next month. About 650 feet of the decking on the bridge is complete with another 550 feet left to go.

When completed, MoDOT officials plan an official opening of the bridge with a ribbon cutting and classic cars taking the first ride across.